Mobile Task Force (MTF)/Prevention of infiltration of Foreigners' (PIF) Scheme in affected States (iv) introduction of scheme to issue identity cards to Indian citizens in the states of Assam, Mizoram and Tripura (v) Computerisation of Vissa Control System with respect to Bangladesh nationals (vi) enlightening the general public of the detrimental effects of the illegal immigration. (vii) an action plan of giving wide publicity by the State Governments etc. to bring to public notice the various provisions of the Foreigners' Act, 1946 for harbouring illegal immigrants ; and (viii) to utilise the provisions of the Foreigners' Act, 1946 more effectively.

Nigerian nationals in Indian jails

2165. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 300 Nigerian nationals are languishing in various Indian jails ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the proceedings against them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) According to available information, about 239 Nigerian nationals are in vaious jails in India. They have been booked under vaious offences, mostly for drug offences under the NDPS Act, 1985.

(c) Instructions have been issued for expeditious disposal of cases against foreigners lodged in jails.

Fencing of Indo-Pak Border and Actual Line of Control

2166. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the stretches of the Indo-Pak borders and the Line of Actual Control between the two countries which still remain to be fenced with barbed wire and the percentage thereof out of the total length of the border and Line of Actual Control ; and

(b) the reassns for delay in the fencing process despite the continued influx of trained militants and infiltrators from across the border/ Line of Actual Control ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) A stretch of 2530 kms. of Indo-Pak border and Line of Actual Control is yet to be fenced with barbed wire and this constitutes approximately 81% of total length of the border and Line of Actual Control.

(b) Fencing is a continuing process. The task of erecting barbed wire fencing along the Indo-Pak border has been taken up in selected stretches. Border fencing at some of the sensitive and vulnerable stretches has been completed on the Indo-Pak border in Punjab and Rajasthan, and for the remaining areas, similar activity is in progress. In regard to Jammu sector, the fencing work is yet to be taken up.

Inquiry into Meham killings

2167. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Meham Commission of Inquiry headed by Justice K.N. Saikia, a former

judge of the Supreme Court, has made no real progress so far ;

(b) if so, what steps have so far been taken by Justice Madan and then by the present Chairman of the Commission, Justice Saikia, for causing a probe into the killings in Meham Assembly Constituency during the elections in 1990 ; and

(c) the expenditure incurred so far on the affairs of the Commission including that on the infrastructure provided and the salaries of full time employees working with the Commission ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) The Meham Commission of Inquiry under the Chairmanship of Shri Justice K.N. Saikia, is making progress.

(c) The Meham Commission of Inquiry have reported that upto 30th June, 1992 the total expenditure incurred by the Commission amounts to Rs. 33,30,225/-.

Terrorism by Pakistan sponsored Terrorists

2168. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report appreared in the Hindustan Times of May 9, 1992 under the caption "Zone of Terrorism" ;

(b) if so, what are the details of the incidents involving terrorism perpetrated by Pakistan sponsored terrorists in the States and Union Territories outside Punjab during the period since March this year ; and

(c) what steps have been taken to contain and prevent such terrorism ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) Government have seen the news report. 105 incidents of terrorism perpetrated by Pakistan sponsored terrorists killing 116 persons have taken place in the States/Union territories outside Punjab during March, 1992 to June, 1992.

(c) Maintenance of law and order is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, available intelligence inputs about terrorist activities etc. are provided to the State Governments by the Central Government. The affected State/Union territories also exchange/share information with each other. All possible assistance is provided to the State Governments by the Central Government as and when required.

Assistance to Himachal Pradesh to combat terrorism

2169. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :
SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI :
SHRI RAM RATAN RAM :
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Himachal Pradesh Government have asked for funds, additional forces and sophisticated weapons to combat the menace of terrorism in some parts of the State ; and

(b) if so, the details of the assistance given by the Central Government during the last two years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE